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MONTHLY STATISTICAL SUMMARY FOR WESTERN AUSTRALIA - OCTOBER, 1958Issued by the Acting Deputy Commonwealth Statistician andActing Government Statistician (C.R. Muirson) Perth.3rd December, 1958

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POPULATION ESTIMATESWhole of State at 30th June, 1958 -

Males - 361,802

Females - 343,448

Persons - 705,250

Metropolitan Area at 30th June, 1958 -

Persons - 382,000

MARRIAGES, BIRTHS AND DEATHS - WESTERN AUSTRALIA

	<u>SEPTEMBER</u>		<u>Nine Months ended</u>	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
Marriages - Number	462	393	3,745	3,646
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	7.94	6.89	7.09	7.05
Births - Number	1,433	1,267	12,607	12,663
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	24.63	22.20	23.87	24.47
Deaths - Number	517	530	4,211	3,985
* Rate per 1,000 of Population	8.88	9.29	7.97	7.70
Infant ) - Number	33	30	262	275
Mortality) * Rate per 1,000 Live Births	23.03	23.68	20.78	21.72
<u>PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH</u>				
Tuberculosis	2	4	21	25
Malignant neoplasms	76	65	659	634
Diabetes mellitus	11	7	44	55
Diseases of blood, etc.	1	-	13	11
Cerebral haemorrhage, etc.	59	54	501	437
Diseases of the heart	164	163	1,372	1,206
Hypertension with heart disease	22	18	130	116
Hypertensive disease without mention of heart	5	11	43	49
Arteriosclerosis	9	12	96	99
Influenza	2	21	6	28
Pneumonia	22	32	156	153
Bronchitis	8	13	54	52
Other respiratory diseases	5	7	45	56
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	4	4	32	31
Gastro-enteritis and colitis	-	3	23	12
Chronic enteritis and ulcerative colitis	1	1	7	5
Cirrhosis of the liver	5	2	25	20
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	1	45	54
Diseases of the prostate	1	9	35	43
Maternal causes	1	2	7	5
Diseases of early infancy	19	12	154	165
Motor vehicle accidents	19	12	144	121
Other accidents	15	12	122	143
Suicide	12	6	76	71
All other causes	51	59	401	394
Total:	517	530	4,211	3,985

\* Equivalent Annual Rate.

\* Deaths under one year.



### LAND SETTLEMENT

Land taken up under conditional alienation during the ten months ended October, 1958, totalled 706,955 acres, a decrease of 40,972 acres on the corresponding period last year. Pastoral, special and miscellaneous leases registered during the same period amounted to 3,839,566 acres, a decrease of 1,577,211 acres on the corresponding period of 1957.

### STATE GOVERNMENT CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

Item	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
	£.	£.	£.	£.
Revenue	5,667,847	4,367,950	18,368,411	16,720,386
Revenue per Head of Population	7. 19. 10	6. 5. 7	25. 19. 2	24. 1. 8
Expenditure	6,615,557	5,114,545	21,548,949	19,316,245
Expenditure per Head of Population	9. 6. 7	7. 7. 0	30. 9. 1	27. 16. 5

### SAVINGS BANKS

Depositors' Balances at the end of October, 1958, amounted to £67,848,322 or £95-11-3 per head of population as against £65,058,852 or £93-7-10 per head at the end of October, 1957.

### BANK CLEARANCES

The average weekly clearance for the five weeks ended 29th October, 1958, amounted to £15,569,527 compared with £17,098,715 for the corresponding period last year.

### REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS

Registrations effected at the Office of Land Titles and Deeds		OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Transfers	No.	1,732	1,791	5,871	6,945
	£.	2,541,274	3,063,246	10,681,599	11,036,822
Mortgages	No.	1,243	1,309	5,312	5,264
	£.	2,479,556	3,280,383	10,388,642	10,739,143
Discharges of Mortgages	No.	1,014	989	3,960	3,872

### SALES TAX: SALES OF TAXABLE AND EXEMPT GOODS

#### AND TAX COLLECTED

Period of Receipt of Returns	Taxable Goods		Sales of Exempt Goods	Tax Collected
	Sales in respect of which Tax is Payable (Net)	Sales in respect of which Tax is NOT Payable (Gross)		
	£.	£.	£.	£.
October, 1958	3,905,265	3,281,542	10,732,972	638,502
October, 1957	3,136,310	2,626,211	11,161,957	487,190
Four Months ended October, 1958	15,967,513	12,631,859	41,949,305	2,339,183
Four Months ended October, 1957	13,645,168	11,049,731	41,331,289	2,037,432





# COMPANIES REGISTERED

82 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £4,883,350 and 42 Foreign Companies were registered during the four months ended October, 1958. Registrations for the corresponding period last year comprised 94 Local Companies with a nominal capital of £3,951,000 and 42 Foreign Companies.

## BANKRUPTCY

Item	Four Months ended OCTOBER					
	1958			1957		
	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.	No.	Liabilities £.	Assets £.
Sequestration Orders	47	290,442	66,237	37	95,054	48,090
Deeds of Assignment (a)	36	219,713	201,438	40	134,750	108,236
Deeds of Arrangement	-	-	-	-	-	-

(a) Includes Compositions and Schemes of Arrangement.

## TRANSPORT

The operation of the State Government Railways, open for General and Passenger traffic, were as follows:-

Item		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
Gross Earnings (a)*	£.	1,062,100	1,071,700	3,083,700	3,236,900
Working Expenses (a)	£.	1,214,220	1,113,713	3,714,631	3,679,634
Train Miles Run	No.	591,783	598,508	1,812,376	1,866,198
Motor Bus Miles Run	No.	(b) 125,344	(c) 125,441	(d) 286,158	(e) 306,080
<u>Passenger Journeys -</u>					
Train	No.	1,486,781	1,398,326	3,739,331	3,708,838
Motor Bus	No.	25,163	25,058	72,045	74,039
<u>Tonnage Carried -</u>					
Paying Goods		240,272	247,750	745,810	808,502
Livestock		15,358	17,715	34,101	38,056
Departmental (Free Freight)		62,699	49,929	193,156	153,634
Total:		318,329	315,394	973,067	1,000,192
<u>Net Ton Mileage of -</u>					
Paying Goods		39,977,329	41,751,745	126,637,445	136,985,654
Livestock		2,120,711	2,440,246	4,826,925	5,458,833
Departmental (Free Freight)		5,927,083	5,952,031	19,190,225	17,372,645
Total:		48,025,123	50,144,022	150,654,595	159,817,132

(a) Includes operations of the Railway Road Service.

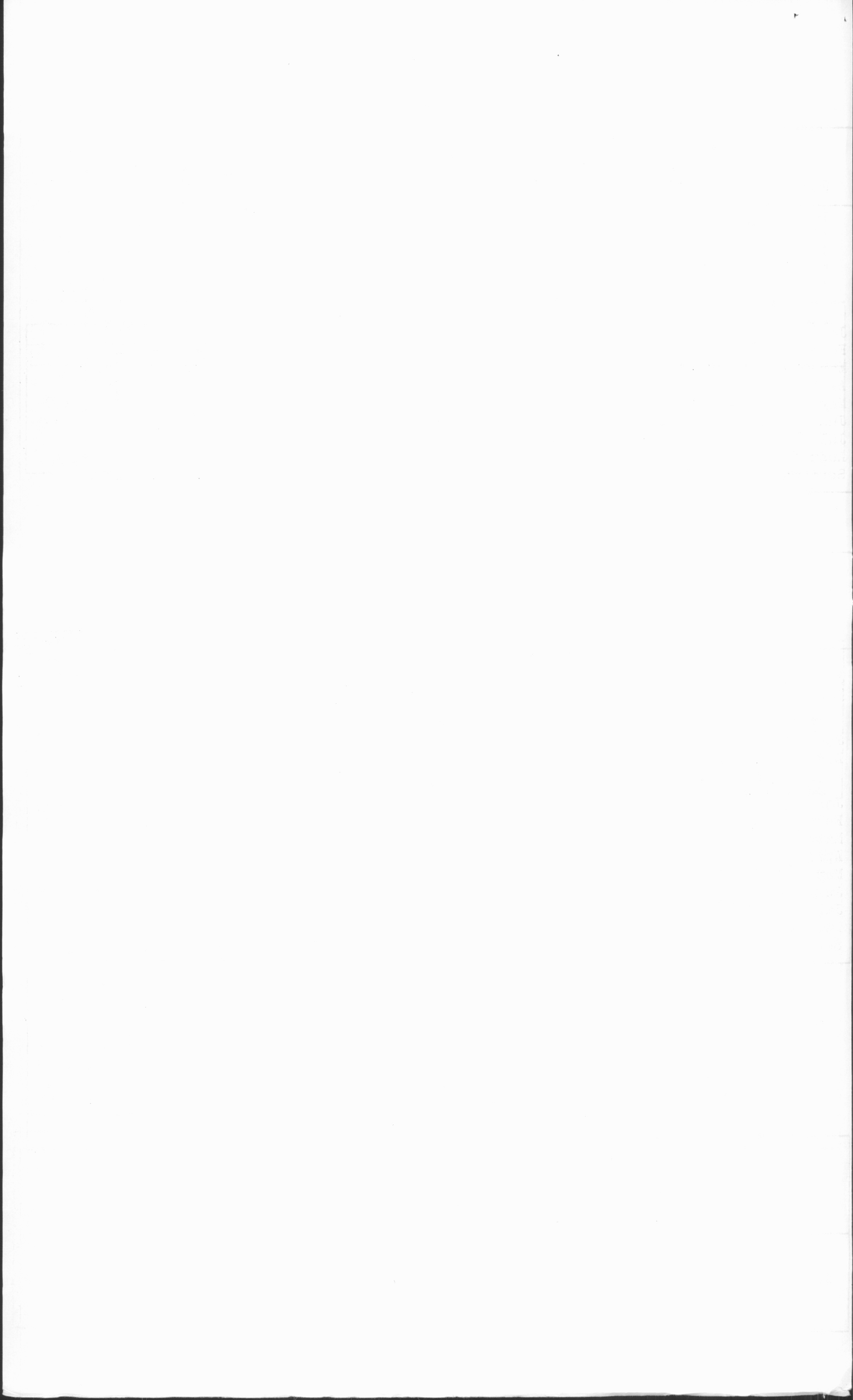
(b) Four weeks ended 13th September

(c) Four weeks ended 14th September.

(d) Eleven weeks ended 13th September.

(e) Eleven weeks ended 14th September

\* Figures liable to revision.



MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS  
(1) NEW VEHICLES REGISTERED

Period	Metropolitan Traffic Area					Whole State (a)				
	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars	Station Wagons	Utilities Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1953	4,460	64	1,805	57	746	8,166	103	4,968	76	1,239
1954	6,499	161	2,326	34	736	11,667	217	5,866	70	1,267
1955	6,852	162	2,371	18	701	11,612	233	5,373	59	1,130
1956	5,219	97	1,759	24	724	9,067	169	4,413	85	1,057
1957	5,639	228	1,856	35	1,007	9,865	370	4,385	71	1,447
1958 -										
January	372	37	140	-	149	648	67	342	2	192
February	536	70	155	5	125	860	117	399	11	173
March	518	44	155	-	147	875	90	384	-	198
April	577	55	135	2	110	938	112	400	4	157
May	476	48	179	2	82	773	71	400	5	113
June	430	64	138	-	54	742	113	358	3	87
July	439	59	167	2	78	731	98	414	5	124
August	448	57	153	3	79	731	100	369	8	118
September	531	63	175	-	91	844	97	431	2	129

(2) MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (EFFECTIVE REGISTRATIONS)

Date (as at end of Month)	Metropolitan Traffic Area				Whole State (a)			
	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles	Cars (including Station Wagons)	Utilities, Vans, Trucks	Buses	Motor Cycles
1956 -								
June	(b) 61,835	(b) 24,169	548	9,253	(b) 98,875	(b) 64,430	1,175	13,873
December	(b) 64,158	(b) 24,641	553	9,133	(b) 101,708	(b) 64,765	1,189	13,551
1957 -								
June	65,013	24,354	560	8,770	103,788	64,806	1,204	13,146
December	67,315	24,209	592	8,389	107,052	64,236	1,234	12,599
1958 -								
January	68,295	24,414	587	8,532	107,743	63,908	1,132	12,584
February	68,490	24,379	547	8,552	108,262	64,163	1,171	12,652
March	68,829	24,390	542	8,594	108,966	64,445	1,172	12,745
April	69,320	24,418	547	8,635	109,254	64,327	1,175	12,643
May	69,363	24,427	551	8,622	109,919	64,828	1,185	12,767
June	69,414	24,217	553	8,580	110,573	65,046	1,190	12,827
July	71,265	24,593	555	8,537	110,224	63,113	1,176	12,260
August	71,563	24,644	558	8,568	111,011	63,463	1,184	12,352
September	71,955	24,652	558	8,589	111,942	63,803	1,186	12,441

(a) Includes Commonwealth-owned vehicles other than those of Defence Services.

(b) Prior to June, 1957, Station Wagons are included with Utilities, Vans, Trucks.

TRADE OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA)

Expressed in Terms of Australian Currency  
(£,000)

Item	IMPORTS				EXPORTS (including Ships' Stores)			
	SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER		Three Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957
Oversea	3,781	3,125	14,020	11,250	6,829	10,216	21,739	22,115
Interstate	8,322	7,826	24,296	22,709	2,949	5,929	7,980	10,830
Total:	12,103	10,951	38,316	33,959	9,778	16,145	29,719	32,945



# BUILDING ACTIVITY

## (1) NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED

Period	Dwellings				Factories		Other		Total	
	Owner-Built		By Contractors etc. (a)							
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1946	55	32	1,316	1,221	52	82	145	192	1,568	1,527
1947	165	109	2,245	2,380	37	64	164	327	2,611	2,880
1948	514	346	2,544	3,042	49	160	268	431	3,375	3,978
1949	825	693	2,485	3,476	57	215	317	657	3,684	5,041
1950	1,313	1,365	3,331	4,727	41	263	428	651	5,113	7,006
1951	1,913	2,835	4,137	6,969	40	459	433	986	6,523	11,249
1952	2,883	5,824	4,946	11,201	63	667	604	2,424	8,496	19,934
1953	2,908	7,219	4,839	12,624	84	817	714	3,657	8,625	24,317
1954	3,127	8,255	5,044	13,491	111	1,544	844	5,015	9,126	28,305
1955	2,788	8,194	6,422	18,091	129	3,405	933	6,900	10,272	36,590
1956	1,921	5,708	4,773	13,508	97	946	923	7,359	7,714	27,521
1957	1,401	4,086	4,748	13,680	100	1,110	714	6,450	6,963	25,326
1958 -										
March Qr.	249	700	1,057	3,233	28	356	162	2,144	1,496	6,433
June Qr.	369	1,086	1,122	3,379	35	515	185	1,508	1,711	6,488
Sept. Qr.	210	601	1,139	3,483	35	422	171	5,200	1,555	9,706

(a) Comprises Government Day Labour as well as Private Contractor Operations and includes Shop Dwellings, Flats and Other Residentials excluded from Table (2) hereunder.

## (2) HOUSE CONSTRUCTION

(includes Owner-Built Houses)

Period	Houses Completed - Classified According to Materials of Outer Walls									
	Brick, Stone, Concrete, etc.		Wood, or Mainly Wood		Fibro-Cement or Mainly Fibro-Cement		Other		Total	
	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000	No.	Value £,000
1946	578	640	186	140	373	296	227	172	1,364	1,248
1947	1,114	1,365	257	196	966	862	62	47	2,399	2,470
1948	1,252	1,715	326	249	1,436	1,348	29	22	3,043	3,334
1949	1,449	2,235	228	191	1,571	1,649	42	43	3,290	4,118
1950	1,709	2,882	337	311	2,262	2,572	55	48	4,363	5,813
1951	2,155	4,560	453	525	2,933	4,241	190	218	5,731	9,544
1952	3,006	8,097	745	1,609	3,844	6,678	135	263	7,730	16,647
1953	2,676	8,417	976	2,657	3,966	8,277	24	54	7,642	19,405
1954	2,865	9,767	214	530	4,823	10,833	4	4	7,906	21,134
1955	3,268	11,775	225	621	5,271	12,614	8	17	8,772	25,027
1956	3,017	10,491	62	175	2,964	6,864	4	9	6,047	17,539
1957	3,773	12,159	28	67	2,139	4,890	6	9	5,946	17,125
1958 -										
March Qr.	904	2,943	4	10	371	896	-	-	1,279	3,849
June Qr.	945	3,174	8	21	470	1,100	1	2	1,424	4,297
Sept. Qr.	821	2,762	11	33	461	1,114	1	1	1,294	3,910

## GOLD PRODUCTION

Item	OCTOBER		Ten Months ended OCTOBER	
	1958	1957	1958	1957
<b>GOLD</b>				
Quantity				
Value (Aust. Currency) (a) £.	70,128	64,254	679,519	714,083
Dividends reported by				
Gold Mining Companies £.	1,095,751	1,003,966	10,617,466	11,157,536
	-	-	1,061,094	1,383,062

(a) Excludes additional premiums on gold sold by Gold Producers' Association Limited and subsidy paid by the Commonwealth Government.



RETAIL PRICE INDEX NUMBERS

(Base of Each Series: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923/27 = 1000)

Centre	Food and Groceries				"C" Series			
	SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER		SEPTEMBER Quarter		Twelve Months ended SEPTEMBER	
	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958	1957	1958
Metropolitan Area	3078	2998	3064	2967	2746	2758	2725	2731
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	3188	3222	3234	3187	2624	2663	2625	2639
Northam	3164	3111	3158	3093	2716	2716	2681	2701
Bunbury	3155	3091	3141	3136	2761	2786	2738	2785
Geraldton	3264	3238	3228	3222	2936	2962	2906	2943
Collie	3201	3199	3173	3186	2519	2539	2496	2526

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT (a)

( '000 )

Month	1957			1958		
	Males	Females	Persons	Males	Females	Persons
January	138.9	44.2	183.1	139.0	45.3	184.3
February	139.7	45.2	184.9	138.7	45.7	184.4
March	140.0	45.5	185.5	139.5	46.0	185.5
April	139.4	45.0	184.4	139.0	45.9	184.9
May	138.9	45.1	184.0	138.7	45.9	184.6
June	138.4	44.5	182.9	138.6	45.8	184.4
July	138.0	44.9	182.9	138.0	45.8	183.8
August	138.1	44.9	183.0	138.3	*46.1	*184.4
September	138.4	45.2	183.6	138.8	46.4	185.2
October	138.7	45.3	184.0			
November	139.2	45.8	185.0			
December	138.9	46.1	185.0			

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestic, Defence Forces and National Service Trainees in camp.

\* Revised.

INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT (a)

(Base: 1928/29 - 19,799 Employees = 100)

Month	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
January	226	237	241	232	233
February	228	240	241	235	232
March	231	242	240	236	232
April	230	243	239	234	231
May	231	242	238	234	230
June	230	239	235	231	230
July	230	238	231	230	226
August	230	239	230	230	226
September	232	241	233	232	226
October	233	241	233	233	
November	234	243	233	234	
December	233	242	232	233	

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1957 are preliminary.





STATE BASIC WAGE

Date of Operation	Metropolitan Area		South-West Land Division		Goldfields and Rest of State	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
27/10/58	13. 13. 5	8. 17. 9	13. 13. 4	8. 17. 8	13. 11. 6	8. 16. 6

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTERINGS IN PRINCIPAL ESTABLISHMENTS

Period	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Lambs	Pigs
September, 1958	11,675	718	94,038	103,469	17,829
September, 1957	10,258	511	47,731	107,958	17,737
3 Months ended September, 1958	51,667	2,110	230,018	176,014	50,080
3 Months ended September, 1957	43,731	1,417	141,239	191,121	46,419

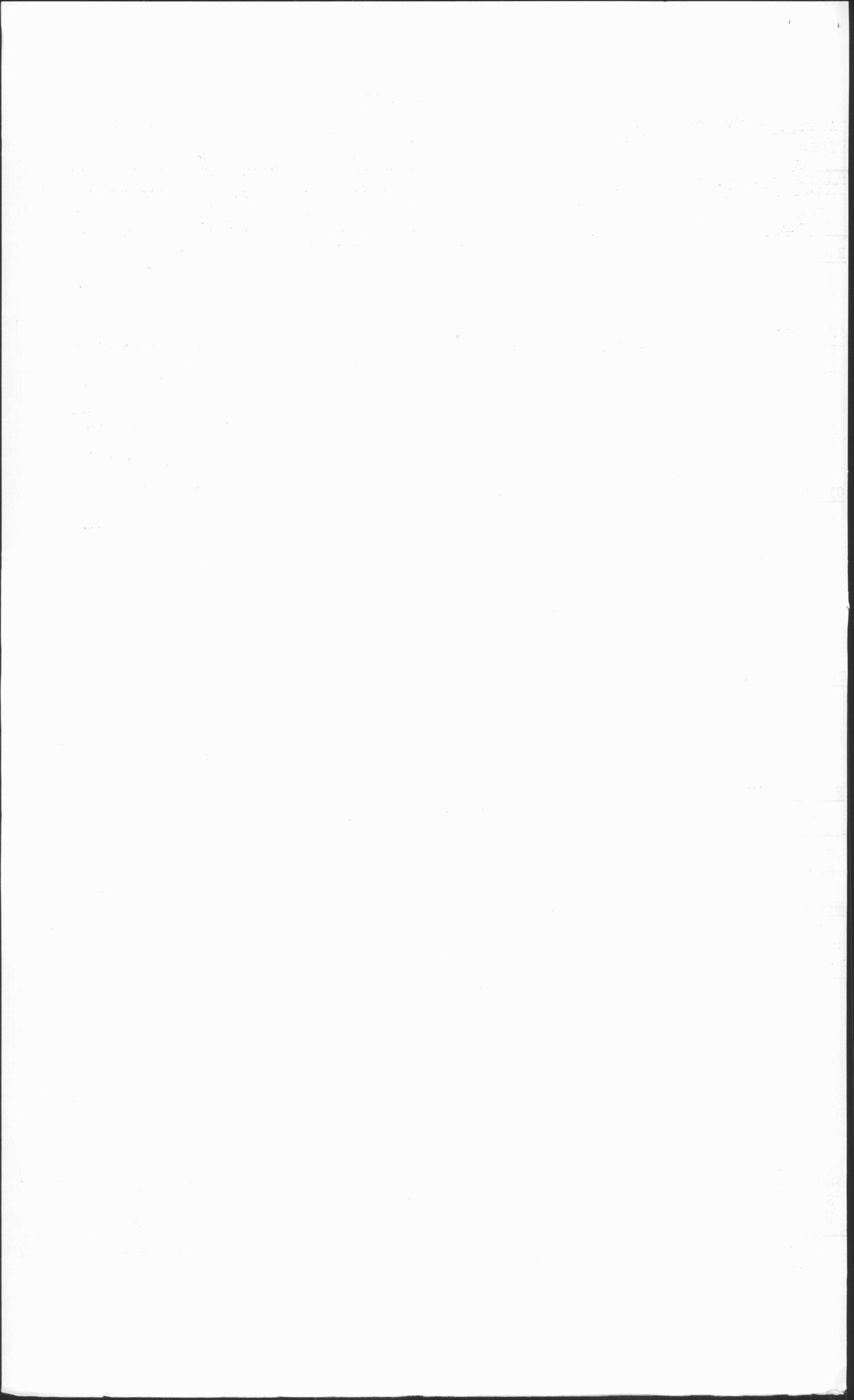
ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

(Note - Excludes non-casualty accidents where damage was estimated to be £10 or less)

The term "Metropolitan" refers to the Metropolitan Traffic Area

Period	Non Casualty Accidents (Damage over £10)		Casualty Accidents		Total Accidents Reported		Persons Killed		Persons Injured	
	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State	Metro-politan	Rest of State
1953	4,074	1,463	2,024	882	6,098	2,345	99	93	2,430	1,234
1954	5,072	1,824	2,415	874	7,487	2,698	96	89	3,028	1,281
1955	5,878	2,029	2,237	921	8,115	2,950	110	89	2,669	1,318
1956	5,866	2,095	2,161	875	8,027	2,970	102	80	2,653	1,236
1957	6,150	2,193	2,244	976	8,394	3,169	87	65	2,733	1,335
1958 -										
January	520	161	162	87	682	248	8	11	218	120
February	438	135	202	81	640	216	3	6	246	112
March	491	181	224	77	715	258	10	11	271	109
April	514	208	193	99	707	307	7	7	229	144
May	656	202	218	85	874	287	4	13	271	125
June	560	191	221	73	781	264	6	5	262	95
July	775	*187	240	*82	1,015	*269	6	7	282	*111
August	*514	*176	*184	*92	*698	*268	10	*14	*221	*126
September	517	143	185	73	702	216	7	4	223	113
Total Nine Months ended September	4,985	1,584	1,829	749	6,814	2,333	61	78	2,223	1,055

\* Revised.



MONTHLY PRODUCTION STATISTICS  
(SUBJECT TO REVISION)

Item	Unit	OCTOBER		Four Months ended OCTOBER	
		1958	1957	1958	1957
<u>Building Materials, etc.</u>					
Bath Heaters - solid fuel	number	716	488	2,316	2,041
Bricks - Cement	'000	53	216	585	905
- Clay	"	9,193	10,621	34,775	37,442
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	'000 sq. yd.	114	156	458	576
Lime (Quicklime)	ton	1,884	2,829	8,207	9,902
Ready Mixed Paints and Enamels excluding Water Paints	gallon	27,989	29,820	98,042	100,472
Tiles, roofing - Cement	'000	469	801	1,839	2,764
Timber - Sawn (from Local Logs) (a)	'000 sup.ft.	19,701(b)	17,814(b)	56,728(c)	54,464(c)
<u>Clothing</u>					
Pyjamas, Woven (all types)	dozen	2,188	1,147	4,663	3,514
Shirts (all types) Men's and Boys'	"	5,826	5,997	22,484	21,173
Sports Coats - Men's	number	330	379	1,115	1,457
Suits - Men's - 3 piece	"	58	101	294	493
- 2 piece	"	1,581	1,980	5,788	6,976
Trousers - Men's - Sport	"	5,773	5,272	20,200	19,073
- Work	"	15,827	13,103	59,085	54,564
<u>Footwear (incl. Sandals and Slippers)</u>					
Men's and Youths'	pair	35,498	34,932	128,795	125,926
Women's and Maids'	"	32,276	22,114	108,832	72,905
Children's	"	17,935	21,102	67,957	72,461
<u>Food and Drink</u>					
Bacon and Ham	'000 lb.	598	535	2,065	2,244
Butter	"	2,127	2,440	7,096	8,607
Cheese	"	390	434	1,170	1,215
Sauce - Tomato	pint	56,415	52,864	270,552	296,689
<u>Miscellaneous</u>					
Acids - Acetic	cwt.	615	1,091	1,750	2,494
- Sulphuric	ton	14,621	16,134	61,285	63,582
Coal	"	77,489	84,523	315,566	317,789
Cycles, Pedal	number	884	509	2,311	2,379
Electricity Generated	'000 K.W.H.	71,907	68,585	291,333	275,985
Gas Produced	million cu.ft.	128	125	529	517
Iron (Pig Iron)	ton	1,526	1,153	6,526	4,690
Mattresses - Inner Spring	number	2,830	2,531	11,109	9,036
- Woven Wire	"	6,313	3,995	10,040	11,016
- Soft Filled	"	3,119	3,249	11,396	12,398
Motor Vehicle Bodies -					
Truck Trays	"	51	34	147	132
Trailers (all types)	"	16	14	64	39
Perambulators	"	93	91	266	265
Soap and Soap Substitutes	cwt.	7,099	7,359	25,703	25,711
Superphosphate	ton	40,458	44,556	168,316	176,385
Wool Scoured	'000 lb.	2,169	2,315	7,769	8,330

(a) Includes plywood veneers in terms of super feet.

(b) September figures, October not available.

(c) Three months ended September.



VALUE OF RETAIL SALES CLASSIFIED ACCORDING TO COMMODITY GROUPS

The figures in the table below relate to goods (as distinct from services, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) sold to the public by establishments selling retail goods from fixed premises (shops, rooms, kiosks, yards). The table contains particulars for the years 1948-49, 1952-53, 1956-57 and 1957-58 on a comparable basis. The figures for the years 1948-49 and 1952-53 were obtained from Censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas particulars for the other periods shown are estimates based on sample surveys.

(£ Million)

Period (a)	Groceries	Butchers' Meat	Other Food (b)	Beer, Wine, Spirits	Clothing, Drapery, Piecegoods & Footwear	Hardware, China and Glassware (c)	Electrical Goods and Radios	Furniture and Floor Coverings	Other Goods (d)	Total Excluding Motor Vehicles, etc.	Motor Vehicles Parts, Petrol (e)
<u>YEARS</u>											
1948-49	10.8	4.0	7.1	8.5	14.3	3.8	2.4	3.0	10.8	64.7	13.7
1952-53	20.7	8.2	13.7	14.4	24.1	9.3	6.1	5.2	25.6	127.3	37.3
1956-57	27.4	10.7	19.4	16.4	28.1	11.4	7.4	6.3	31.8	158.9	46.6
1957-58	29.1	11.5	20.6	17.9	29.3	12.1	8.1	6.7	33.7	169.0	58.1
<u>QUARTERS</u>											
March Qtr.											
1955	6.3	2.2	4.1	4.2	5.9	2.5	1.8	1.4	8.0	36.4	11.5
1956	6.7	2.4	4.9	4.4	5.8	2.5	2.1	1.4	8.1	38.3	12.2
1957	6.6	2.6	5.0	4.5	6.0	2.8	1.8	1.5	8.5	39.3	11.6
1958	7.1	2.8	5.3	5.0	6.2	2.9	2.0	1.5	9.0	41.8	14.7
June Qtr.											
1955	6.4	2.4	3.8	3.6	7.3	2.6	1.5	1.6	8.0	37.2	12.4
1956	7.0	2.7	4.4	3.5	7.3	2.7	1.5	1.4	7.9	38.4	10.6
1957	7.0	2.8	5.0	3.9	7.4	3.0	1.8	1.6	8.2	40.7	12.7
1958	7.4	2.9	5.2	4.2	7.6	2.9	1.7	1.7	8.7	42.3	14.7
Sept. Qtr.											
1955	6.5	2.6	4.4	3.3	6.7	2.6	1.8	1.6	7.0	36.5	12.9
1956	6.7	2.7	4.5	3.6	6.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	6.9	36.7	10.6
1957	7.0	2.9	4.8	3.9	6.8	2.8	1.8	1.7	7.4	39.1	13.7
Dec. Qtr.											
1955	6.9	2.5	4.7	4.1	8.0	3.0	2.6	1.7	8.5	42.0	13.3
1956	7.1	2.6	4.9	4.4	8.1	3.0	2.2	1.7	8.2	42.2	11.7
1957	7.6	2.9	5.3	4.8	8.7	3.5	2.6	1.8	8.6	45.8	15.0

(a) Figures subsequent to June, 1953, are subject to revision. (b) Includes Fresh Fruit and Vegetables, Confectionery, Soft Drinks, Ice Cream, Cakes, Pastry, Cooked Provisions, Fish, etc., but excludes most delivered Milk and some delivered Bread. (c) Excludes Basic Building Materials (e.g. Timber, Roofing Tiles, Bricks, etc.). (d) Includes Tobacco, Cigarettes, etc. Newspapers, Books and Stationery, Chemists' Goods, Grain and Produce, Jewellery, Office Equipment, etc. (e) Excludes Farm Machinery and Implements, Earth-moving Equipment, etc.



Note - The average prices shown in this table have been computed from a systematic sample of auctioneers' records of fruit and vegetables sold on the auction floor at each sale conducted at the Metropolitan Markets. Where the volume of sales of a particular commodity in any month outside its recognised season does not reach a significant proportion of sales for the year, a price has not been shown.

Item	Unit	1957			1958									
		Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
FRUIT														
Lemons	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	s. d. 12. 0	s. d. 13. 11	s. d. 24. 7	s. d. 36. 6	s. d. 35. 5	s. d. 41. 9	s. d. 28. 0	s. d. 21. 2	s. d. 12. 10	s. d. 13. 3	s. d. 11. 10	s. d. 13. 7	s. d. 14. 1
Oranges - Navel	bush.	32. 4	-	-	-	-	-	-	31. 9	27. 5	29. 7	34. 0	38. 5	40. 6
- Val.	bush.	21. 1	21. 6	21. 9	22. 4	22. 8	27. 9	34. 2	32. 7	-	-	30. 4	33. 5	30. 9
Bananas - Local	lb.	1. 7	1. 4	1. 0	1. 3	10	11	1. 1	1. 2	1. 2	1. 3	1. 4	1. 3	1. 3
Apples - G. Smith	bush.	44. 9	57. 9	58. 7	-	-	18. 5	30. 11	28. 0	25. 2	30. 6	28. 7	27. 3	27. 7
- Other	bush.	46. 5	63. 8	59. 8	31. 10	29. 3	27. 4	37. 1	35. 3	34. 1	39. 2	41. 10	34. 0	43. 6
Pears	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	29. 7	28. 9	30. 6	31. 2	-	-	27. 2	25. 3	-	-
Apricots	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	29. 4	28. 0	43. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nectarines	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	-	23. 2	28. 11	27. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Plums	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	-	24. 11	20. 10	18. 0	29. 2	46. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-
Peaches	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	-	40. 10	19. 10	20. 3	17. 3	20. 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Grapes	$\frac{4}{4}$ bush.	-	-	31. 11	24. 11	21. 9	24. 6	25. 0	29. 11	-	-	-	-	-
VEGETABLES														
Cabbage	crate $\neq$	s. d. 5. 10	s. d. 7. 1.	s. d. 10. 6	s. d. 16. 3	s. d. 11. 6	s. d. 6. 4	s. d. 5. 10	s. d. 6. 10	s. d. 7. 0	s. d. 7. 3	s. d. 6. 1	s. d. 5. 2	s. d. 5. 2
Cauliflowers	dozen	9. 6	9. 7	-	-	18. 0	16. 1	18. 4	11. 0	14. 6	19. 2	15. 8	6. 7	18. 2
Lettuce	crate	17. 0	13. 6	8. 2	8. 2	12. 9	11. 10	12. 11	7. 6	10. 6	7. 9	9. 6	7. 5	7. 1
Table Celery	doz. head	7. 11	9. 0	7. 5	9. 4	8. 9	13. 3	12. 5	10. 11	12. 1	8. 4	8. 7	9. 2	6. 6
Beetroot	cwt.	44. 3	30. 4	64. 11	82. 6	62. 5	33. 2	34. 10	26. 1	32. 11	35. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)
Carrots	cwt.	40. 7	24. 3	19. 8	22. 0	29. 8	37. 11	33. 10	20. 8	20. 7	17. 6	(c)	(c)	(c)
Parsnips	cwt.	42. 10	28. 6	27. 8	30. 1	42. 0	50. 2	55. 11	48. 0	51. 7	46. 5	(c)	(c)	(c)
Turnips	$\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. bag	4. 7	4. 0	6. 7	4. 3	7. 10	5. 2	5. 7	5. 11	6. 9	5. 1	5. 1	5. 6	7. 3
Swedes	cwt.	31. 2	28. 6	34. 1	42. 10	48. 1	40. 0	28. 10	26. 2	22. 8	20. 1	(c)	(c)	(c)
Runner Beans	lb.	10	10	11	1. 1	9	9	5	11	1. 3	1. 5	1. 4	1. 6	1. 0
Peas	lb.	9	11	1. 5	1. 9	1. 10	1. 5	1. 5	1. 4	1. 10	1. 4	1. 1	11	8
Sweet Potatoes	lb.	4	2	3	$3\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Pumpkin	bag	19. 9	14. 9	17. 11	19. 9	17. 1	15. 6	15. 1	13. 7	12. 11	14. 1	14. 7	13. 4	30. 11
Tomatoes	$\frac{3}{4}$ bush.	46. 0	32. 8	18. 11	19. 3	22. 3	23. 0	23. 0	22. 7	24. 6	28. 11	15. 0	14. 7	30. 2
		£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
Onions (a)	ton	-	-	31. 15. 0	31. 15. 0	36. 0. 0	36. 0. 0	36. 0. 0	36. 0. 0	36. 0. 0	36. 0. 0	-	-	-
Potatoes (b)	ton	40. 5. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	32. 0. 0	36. 10. 0

(a) W.A. Onion Marketing Board's price to Merchants delivered Metropolitan Area.

(b) W.A. Potato Marketing Board's price to Merchants F.O.R. Perth.

(c) Not available.

$\neq$  50 lb. crate.





AVERAGE PRICES PER HEAD OF LIVESTOCK SOLD AT THE MIDLAND JUNCTION SALEYARDS

Item	1957			1958									
	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.
	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
<u>Good Quality Sheep</u>													
Suckers	4. 0. 7	3.13. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4.14. 1	3.18. 6	3. 6. 9	3. 3. 9
Lambs - In Wool	-	-	-	4. 0. 7	4. 3. 9	4. 2. 8	3.19.11	4. 9. 1	4.15. 0	4.11. 8	3.14. 4	-	-
- Shorn	3. 9. 5	3. 7. 7	3.17.11	-	-	-	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3. 4. 9	-	3. 2. 4
Hoggets - In Wool	-	-	-	3.13. 3	3.16. 3	3.14. 8	3. 9. 8	3.11.11	-	3.19.10	-	-	-
- Shorn	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ewes - In Wool	-	-	-	2. 6. 1	2. 7. 5	2. 9. 3	2.10. 1	2.13. 4	2.18.11	2.17. 2	2.17. 3	-	-
- Shorn	1.18. 2	1.17. 2	2. 2.10	-	-	-	-	-	2. 1. 1	1.19. 3	1.14. 9	1.15. 6	1. 9. 9
Wethers - In Wool	-	-	-	3. 1.11	3. 6.10	3. 9. 2	3. 4. 1	3. 8. 7	3.13. 2	3. 3. 3	3. 0. 5	-	-
- Shorn	2.10.10	2.17. 9	3. 1. 7	-	-	-	-	-	2.15. 9	2.10. 0	2. 6. 7	2. 6. 5	1.16. 3
<u>Good Quality Cattle</u>													
Baby Beef	29. 6. 0	20. 5.10	28. 7. 7	28. 7. 1	29. 6. 3	28. 5. 8	30. 8. 8	37. 2. 4	35.13. 5	35.14.10	33.17. 2	31.14. 7	29. 0. 2
Heifers	34. 7. 7	30. 3. 9	32. 5. 0	33. 0. 0	33.10. 4	32. 9. 2	35. 9. 3	41. 2. 6	39.15. 9	38. 7. 3	38. 4. 7	35.18. 1	34. 2. 4
Cows	36. 8.10	36.13. 6	34.18. 0	40.11. 9	40. 9. 2	39.15. 1	41.12. 4	43.10. 5	43.13. 1	42.14. 1	42. 1. 1	39.18. 9	39.16.11
Steers	41. 4. 7	40. 0. 7	41. 2. 4	43. 1. 6	42.15. 9	41. 4. 1	44. 7. 9	48.13. 2	46.18. 5	46.14.11	47. 5. 0	44.17. 9	45. 5. 6
Bullocks	45. 7. 4	46. 6.11	44.15.11	43. 4. 0	-	-	53.18. 9	-	52.10. 7	46.10. 7	60. 9. 4	56. 4. 5	54. 8. 0
<u>Good Quality Pigs</u>													
Slips	3. 7. 4	3. 0.11	3. 8. 2	2.18.11	2. 9. 9	2.19. 1	3. 0. 0	3. 1. 0	3.18. 4	4. 5. 1	4. 9.11	4.14.11	4.16. 4
Porkers	7.10.10	7.11. 2	6.16. 8	7. 1. 0	6.19. 0	7. 5. 6	6.16. 2	7. 6.10	8. 8. 4	8. 6.10	8.10. 1	8. 6.11	9. 3. 7
Baconers	12. 6. 8	12.13. 0	11. 9.10	11. 7. 4	11.14. 9	11.15. 7	11.11.11	11.18. 7	13. 2. 9	13. 2. 9	13. 6. 6	14. 0. 0	14. 6.11

